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FILENE PEACE AWARD.

BRITISH EMPIRE SECTION.

IRELAND TAKES FIRST PLACE.

ENGLAND COMES SECOND.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, September 18.

The names of the winners of the prizes, valued at £2,000, in the British Empire Section of the Filene Peace Award competition, have been announced.

First place is taken by Ireland, while England secures 26 prizes, Scotland, Canada and New Zealand two each, and South Africa and Tasmania one each.

Mr. Bolton Waller, of Bray, County Wicklow, is the first prize winner, and he is awarded £1,800.

Miss Freda White, of London, wins the second prize of £250, and Mr. Norman Angell the third prize of £100.

Four of the awards of £50 each include Major Gladstone Murray, of British Columbia.

Ten awards of £25 include Mr. Horace Belshaw and Professor Condliffe, of Timaru and Christchurch, New Zealand, respectively.

Twenty awards of £10 include Mr. William Edgar, Labour Department, Ottawa, Rev. Ramsdon Balmforth, Capetown, and Mr. L. F. Giblin, Hobart, Tasmania.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

HEALTH ORGANISATION VOTE.

EXCHANGE OF MEDICAL MEN.

(Reuter's Service.)

GENEVA, September 18.

The Budget Committee of the League, by 16 votes to 15, rejected the Italian proposal to increase the vote of the health organisation by 200,000 francs. Britain, South Africa, New Zealand and India voted against the motion; Australia and Ireland were in favour. The Canadian delegate was absent.

However, on the proposal of Brazil, seconded by Portugal, an increase of 150,000 francs was adopted by 22 votes to 11.

The present arrangements for the international exchange of Health Officers will be maintained.

The committee voted 200,000 francs for the settlement for refugees, with a rider added by Sir Henry Strakosch, of South Africa, that the appropriation must disappear in 1926.

BASIS OF PACT.

It transpires that the basis of the proposed pact which the sub-committee is discussing will be that all signatories shall undertake to recognise the jurisdiction of the Court of International Justice and shall submit all disputes for settlement that are not provided for under articles twelve, thirteen and fifteen of the Covenant to the Council of the League, which will give decisions by a majority vote. But procedure in regard to arbitration is still to be settled and possibly in view of the objections of one delegation a separate body instead of the League may be established as a Court of Arbitration.

REGIONAL AGREEMENTS.

The question of partial agreements or so called regional agreements, between various states apparently led to considerable discussion yesterday. Finally the French proposal was agreed to, namely that as long as the Covenant is not universal, partial agreements should continue to exist, though coming within the scope of the general pact of mutual assistance, provided they were registered and published by the League. This proposal is subject to modification.

MISSIONARIES.

NEW VENTURE UNDERTAKEN.

FAREWELL AT WESTMINSTER.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, September 18.

A gathering was held at Westminster to-night, to bid farewell to eighteen men and women who are leaving to take up missionary work abroad.

They are being sent out under the auspices of the Bible Churchmen's Society, which has been in existence less than three years. This is the first party of missionaries the Society has sent abroad.

The destinations of the workers are India, Burma, China and Canada.

COTTON MARKET.

EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT AID.

(Reuter's Service.)

CAIRO, September 18.

Replying to the deputation, urging government in the cotton market, owing to declining values, the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Ahmed Ali Pasha), promised that the Egyptian Government would intervene as a purchaser of spots and futures on the market. If necessary, operation will be the extent of £2,000,000 kantar.

Deported Ex-Convict.

A man who was deported to England by the Sydney authorities after a 14 years stay in the Antipodes has arrived at Southampton. He is a daring safe-breaker, and during his short periods of liberty he gave so much trouble to the

police that his last sentence carried a deportation order. Three detectives saw him on board the steamer "Experience" Bay. He was so affable that the detectives, although sternly warning him not to come back again, organised a send-off for the man. Australia does not want to see any more.

Man Fights Hawk.

A hawk carried 12 chickens from the farmyard into the out-house of Daniel Doherty, of Hollywood, Strabang, Co. Tyrone. Doherty had carried in the last bird. Doherty dashed into the out-house, bolted the door and, after a fierce fight, killed the hawk.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN TREATY.

ATTITUDE OF LIBERALS.

PACT STRONGLY DENOUNCED.

VISCOUNT GREY AT EDINBURGH.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, September 18.

Viscount Grey, speaking at Edinburgh, voiced the official liberal attitude towards the Anglo-Russian treaty to-day. He denounced it as a false and great blot and great mistake in British foreign policy. The House of Commons should accept no responsibility for the Treaty, he concluded.

STRONG TRADE OPPOSITION.

Influential opposition is mobilizing against the ratification of the Anglo-Russian treaties. Meetings of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce presided over by Mr. Stanley Machin and the Federation of British Industry presided over by Sir Eric Geddes have issued statements containing expressions of strong denunciation. They condemn the treaties as opposed to the best interests of the country and trade. Mr. Neville Chamberlain in Birmingham similarly sharply criticised the treaty.

VIEWS OF MR. CLYNES.

On the contrary Mr. Clynnes in Manchester declared that the campaign against the loan was solely inspired by political and class hostility to the present Russian Government, and declared that labour had repeatedly recorded its detestation of indefensible deeds of Russia, and had repudiated the Russian method of Soviet rule and refused any kind of union with Bolsheviks, but labour wanted to hasten world peace and improve English trade.

THE LIVY MYSTERY.

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ROME, September 18.

The mystery of the missing books of Livy has finally been cleared up. A report, accompanied by a signed statement by Martino Fusco, has been presented to the Ministry of Education by the Inspector-General of the State Archives, who has returned from Naples.

The report says that, while examining state archives at Naples, Martino Fusco found a document dated 23.12.1332, (which is already well-known) in which King Robert of Anjou ordered payment to the scribe Paolino for the transcription of ten books of Livy on the Macedonian War.

Martino Fusco, not being versed in mediaeval documents, thought the Paolino copy was not restricted to the ten known books, but referred to the complete text of Livy's works. The professor continued his researches, meantime lightly assuring his friends that he had found all the missing codices and already had begun a transliteration of the second ten. The statement of Martino Fusco admits he followed a false scent and formally retracts all previous statements about the lost books. The Minister of Education does not doubt the bona fides of the statement, but intends to watch developments with the view, if necessary, of preserving the State rights in treasure trove.

WRANGEL ISLAND.

BRITAIN NOT DISMAYED.

RUSSIAN ACTION IN ORDER.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, September 18.

The hoisting of the Soviet Flag on Wrangel Island does not perturb British Diplomatic Circles, which point out that during the negotiations preceding the signature of the Anglo-Russian Treaty, the Russians were told the island would again become Russian property.

SOVIET FLAG HOISTED.

MOSCOW, September 18.

A Russian vessel hoisted the Soviet Flag on Wrangel Island on August 26. There were one American and 11 Eskimos there. The vessel returns to Russia on September 23. The Stefansson expedition hoisted the British flag on September 23 last year.

MR. WILBUR'S RECALL.

COMMENT OF NEW YORK JOURNAL.

(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, September 18.

The "New York World," in an editorial, says that if the recall of Mr. Wilbur, Secretary of the Navy, was not due to the character of his speeches on the Pacific Coast—as affirmed at the White House—it should have been.

The paper adds that only meagre reports of the speeches have reached the Atlantic Coast, but these intimate that Mr. Wilbur has been talking for a big navy in the best style of the jingo. All his speeches, of course, have been directed against Japan, without the slightest provocation.

President Coolidge, remarks the New York Journal, cannot afford to have the administration identified with bluster of this kind, but seems to be indifferent.

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A Flower Fashion.

In Paris the smart woman has adopted the pretty fashion of carrying a few flowers in her hand, writes "Gadabout" in the "Daily Chronicle." Usually they are a couple of red roses or a few sweet peas, and are carried carelessly as though Madame had just gathered them as she strolled round her garden.

The Perfect Policeman.

At a recent Police Federation in London it was stated that to be a successful policeman required "the patience of Job, the wisdom of Solomon, the ambition of Napoleon, and the courage of a Prime Minister." This may be an overstatement of the case, and if accepted in full some of the most modest of policemen when they read it may be liable to suffer from "swelled head." The efficient and perfect policeman is the product of this country and of no other. His versatility, his patience in suffering fools gladly, and his knowledge are the admiration of every visitor from foreign parts. His sense of fairness, his readiness to give the offender the benefit of the doubt, and his intuition in a street brawl as to which side is in the right convince us that he well deserves to continue to be the guide, philosopher, and friend of all who need his services.

Marooned.

The English Channel has provided a tale of castaways who were miraculously rescued after being marooned for four days on a bleak and uninhabited isle, subsisting on shellfish and suffering from thirst. It appears that four men and a woman who left Jersey in a fishing smack in superb weather, ran into a violent storm, resulting in the smack being wrecked on the rocks on Ecrehou Island, half-way between Jersey and the French coast. All five were thrown into the sea, but managed to reach the shore after the woman had been rescued from the waves. Then their sufferings began. There was no food or water on the island, and no ships passed. On the morning of the fifth day a thin line of smoke was sighted. They shouted and waved till they were exhausted, when a small steam yacht appeared belonging to the widow of a British officer, known in Jersey as "The Lady of the Birds," who was in the habit of visiting lonely channel islands each month with food for birds and any stranded fishermen. She clothed, tended, and fed the castaways and took them to Gorey, where they telegraphed the news of their safety to their friends.

Civil Flying Progress.

That 1,004,000 miles were flown by commercial aeroplanes during the year ended March 31, compared with 778,000 for the previous year, is the most striking feature in the Air Ministry's annual report on civil aviation. Air-passengers numbered 11,460 in 1922-23, compared with 15,013 in 1923-24. The time is arriving, says the report, when, in the light of five years' experience, fresh flying stock is to be introduced upon the airways.

Dean Inge's Seer.

There is hope for the Stage, Dean Inge, in a remarkable article upon "Romanticism" touches upon a good many topics and incidentally says that he believes that the great seer of the future will make the stage his platform. "A great dramatist might help us to find our souls," he adds: "He will speak neither from the platform, nor from the pulpit, nor from the printed page." The question is, when is he arriving and what will he have to say? He must not preach hope and joy and not gloom. After visiting Carlyle in his Chelsea home, the late Lord Morley said: "So great was the gloom of the sage that it was a healthy restoration to fling oneself, in passing homeward along the Embankment, into the arms of any statistician, politician, economist, sanitary authority, poor law reformer, or drainage enthusiast." Dean Inge's seer must be a messenger of joy and have his feet on the mountain tops in preference to having them on the stage.

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Women and Cookery.

A topic of interest has just been touched upon in an article written by Elizabeth Lucas upon "The Best Cookery Books"—the best being all written by men as the writer says. The relationship of women to cookery is always worth a moment's thought. Cookery is both a science and an art. Women provide the necessary art, but they do not provide the element of science. Then women are too penurious in their marketing to give, invariable satisfaction to their menfolk. They too readily buy the cheapest instead of securing the best.

Presents and Marriage.

"A husband" has been discoursing upon the art of giving a birthday present to his wife. A woman, he truly admits, takes much more trouble in choosing a birthday gift for her husband than the husband does for his wife. But a woman spends far more time in shops than does the average man and has many more opportunities of seeing suitable things to buy. A man therefore knows from experience that his wife is often far better pleased with a cheque for a gift than with anything else. The average housewife has far too little spare money. Where a husband might score is in more often bringing home a gift unexpectedly when neither birthdays nor seasonable gifts are at all in question.

Law For All.

Sir William Blackstone, whose memory and fame have just been honoured by American and English lawyers, possessed the gift of combining the man of letters with that of the scientific lawyer. Law books, as a rule, make no appeal to the lay mind. Lawyers are often most brilliant men, but when a lawyer writes a law book he addresses himself to lawyers and in a way despises the lay mind. The greatness of Blackstone lay in that he wrote what is a readable and understandable book on the laws of England; and he wrote it for the laity. He reduced to orderly statement and to scientific form the bulk of our common law. He showed, for instance, that all men are born with certain inalienable rights—those of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Abraham Lincoln, when a boy of seventeen obtained a copy of "Blackstone," and he found that the more he read of it, the more fascinated he became, and he added: "I never in my life was so much so thoroughly absorbed." Blackstone's book is the one which stands on the shelves of more private libraries than any other law book. Now is a good opportunity for many who possess the book to read it and find it a comforting thought for those who do not possess it. They can buy it for a few shillings and find any second-hand dealer.

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AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of Fifty cents (50 cents) per share on the Old Shares (Fully Paid) and Three cents (3 cents) per share on the New Shares (\$1.00 Paid) has been declared for the half year ending 30th June, 1924.

Such Interim Dividend will be payable on and after TUESDAY, the 23rd September at the Offices of the Company, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be closed from the 13th September, 1924 until the 23rd September, 1924 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 3rd September, 1924.

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BY ORDER OF THE ADMINISTRATRIX
Valuable Leasehold Property Situated at and being No. 11, Hart Avenue, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong,
To be Sold by Auction, Without Reserve on FRIDAY, the 26th day of September, 1924, at 3 p.m.,
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Warrants for the Interim Dividend can be obtained at the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on or after the 8th prox.

By Order of the Board,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 15th Sept., 1924.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE MATTER of the Estate of GEORGINA ADA SACHSE late of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, Widow, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 56 of the Probate Ordinance 1897 made an order limiting the time for sending any claim to or against the above estate to the 15th day of October, 1924. All creditors and claimants who have not already submitted their claims are required to send the same to the undersigned by the above date.

Dated the 17th day of September, 1924.

JOHN ROBERTSON,
Executor.

Messrs. W. A. Hannibal & Co.,
8-A Des Voeux Road Central,
Hongkong.

JOHN HENRY WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, DECEASED.

ALL Persons having claims against the Estate of the above named deceased are requested to send particulars to the undersigned.

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THE BIG

NEW VERSION AS TO

BLAME.

Williamstown, Mass., August 16.—Delegates to the Institute of Politics turned their attention to a story of how the Russian chief of staff, just before the outbreak of the World war, smashed his telephone so that Czar Nicholas could not call him and stop the mobilization of the Russian army.

The story was related by Dr. Sidney Bradshaw Fay, professor of history at Smith College, before an assembly of economists and army and naval experts at a "round table" discussion of European affairs. Dr. Fay, who recently has access to the memoirs of Deterolski, who was in charge of the Russian mobilization, said that the Czar at the moment was about to be declared a vacillating and that the Russian militarists were anxious to cut telephone communications after they had received his consent to mobilize.

CZAR RECALLED ORDER.

"Early in the morning of July 29, 1914, the Russian militarists, led by Janusch-Kewich Chief of staff, persuaded the Czar to sign an order for general mobilization," said Dr. Fay. "Later, on the same day, just as the mobilization

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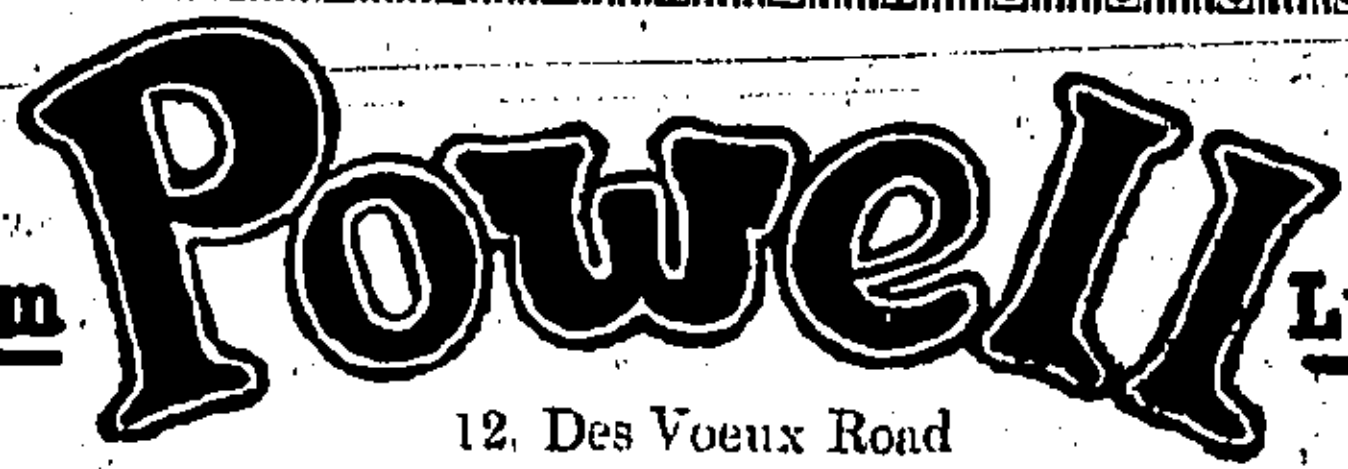
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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, SEPT. 18, 1924.

OPIUM.

Told that Hongkong derives a big sum from opium, the zealous reformer at once exclaims, "This is monstrous; it must be stopped." However, the zealous reformer is not alone in his anxiety to have the traffic stopped. Ever since 1912 there has been an international convention designed to deal with the problem. Not long ago, moreover, the League of Nations turned its attention to the matter, and appointed an advisory committee to expedite reform. Hongkong, as one of the places coming under the 1912 convention did not really need any spurring to take action; many times it has been stated in the Legislative Council that the Government, ignoring the financial aspect entirely, was only too anxious to reduce the traffic. The most it could do in this direction, however,

was to decrease the strength of the drug and increase the price. Yes, everyone agreed with the zealous reformer, the traffic must be gradually reduced and eventually suppressed altogether; the only question was, how? That we are still as far off as ever from finding the answer is clear from the report of the local committee appointed to consider the Colony's obligations under the convention. This report, which was laid on the table of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, is a very illuminating document. Briefly, it shows that apart from the measures now being enforced, nothing can be done as yet to reduce the traffic. "While China continues to provide its population with opium in limitless quantity," Hongkong, in attempting to prevent consumption by those Chinese who happen to be within its borders, is merely beating the air." The arguments advanced in the report make this so clear that even the zealous reformer must now admit that the Colony, for all its seeming "zeal," is really sincere in its professions of

inability to reduce the traffic. Therefore, since it has thus been proved that "under present circumstances no reasonable measure can be devised to reduce further the consumption of opium in Hongkong," the stigma which has been held by some to attach to the Colony's name is now removed, and—still more important—the risk disappears that interference from Home might easily aggravate a problem that is already being handled in the best manner possible. These are two very notable achievements and the committee is to be congratulated upon its excellent work.

The Weather.

Much maligned, but not nearly so often extolled, time-honoured by constant use as a subject fitting for conversation when there is nothing else to talk of—the weather. About this time of the year most people are wondering when it will begin to get cool and when the topee can be safely relegated to safe-keeping for the next summer. An anomaly out here is that our winter sports start in September, but the big swimming races do not take place usually till October. Those old campaigners, who claim to speak with the experience of years out here, predict that yesterday's rain is the advent of the cool season and that we shall soon forget the record September heat-wave, prickly-heat and bathing parties. Of course, change in clothing will depend on individual taste. We have heard of a man who has for a decade at least, donned whites on May 1 and changed back on November 1, irrespective of the weather. Then there are others who display peculiarities, including the ones who wear tweeds all through the summer and command the admiration and excite the envy of many by being able to show such indifference to the heat. Reference to the heat reminds us of a story, current a few days ago, of a local gentleman who insisted he actually saw the heat being blown towards him slowly in waves and on reaching his fan, settling on it so thickly that the fan stopped.

Cleaning The City.

Now that there is a movement on foot among our unofficial legislators to bring the city's health precautions more up-to-date, it may be timely to advocate the purchase of up-to-date garbage gatherers to replace the present bullock and coolie drawn carts. From a recent report from Paris, it appears that the whole of Paris is covered within a space of 90 minutes by 500 metal motor-dustbins, during which time they collect 2,500 tons of garbage and refuse and transport it without the city gates for treatment and destruction.

Leaving their garages at 6 a.m., these motor-dustbins proceed to their area, where a gang will be awaiting. The dustbins are now put out just before 6 in the morning. The carts are on the move all the time; the chain of men snatch up a dustbin, quickly pass it up to one of the men aloft on the car, who empties it out and passes it back to another pair of hands for return to the house. The men ahead of one another to be in readiness, and thus at a fair pace street after street is dealt with in surprisingly few minutes. The cart then proceeds to a yard, fitted with furnaces and other machinery for destroying the refuse and winning from it heat and power and clinker for road material. If a similar scheme could be introduced here, we should hear less complaint of the swarms of rats that infest the poorer quarters of the city. The custom for garbage or dustbins to be put outside the house overnight and not emptied until the following afternoon, as is the case here, is an encouragement to rats.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

September 19.—Coronet Theatre: Her Gilded Cage.
September 19.—World Theatre: The World Gone Mad.
September 19.—Queen's Theatre: Sherlock Brown.
September 19.—Star Theatre: Forgive and Forget.
Friday, Sept. 20.—Promenade Concert at Volunteer Headquarters at 9.15 p.m.
September 20.—V.R.C.'s last swimming race, 9 p.m.
PUBLIC AUCTIONS:
September 23.—Lammiert Bros. Sales Room, Duddell Street: Various and mohair, 11 a.m.
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September 24.—Mr. A. G. de Roch at No. 11, Hart Avenue, Kowloon, household furniture, including two Baby Grand Pianos, one gramophone and records and one living-room suite, 2.30 p.m.
September 25.—Mr. A. G. de Roch at No. 11, Hart Avenue, Kowloon, valuable leasehold property, 3 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

October 3.—Second meeting of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street, noon.

October 4.—Twenty-eighth meeting of shareholders of the Dairy Farm, Ltd. and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., at Lower Albert Rd., noon.

October 18.—Extraordinary General Meeting of Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd. at the Registered Office of the company, 20 Des Voeux Road, Central, noon.

October 20.—Third meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street, noon.

November 5.—Further extraordinary meeting of Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd., at 20 Des Voeux Road, Central, noon.

OTHER MEETING.

September 22.—Annual meeting of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society, in the Cathedral Hall, 5.15 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

For exporting 98 cattle of sulphur without an export permit, on board a Hongmoon steamer yesterday, a Chinese man was fined \$20.

A Camborne message states that the All Blacks, the New Zealand Rugby team, now touring England defeated Cornwall by 29 points to nil.

A fine of \$25 was imposed on Chang Ping-to contractor, by the Magistrate at the Kowloon Court this morning, for depositing 7 loads of sand on the public street, without a permit yesterday.

A Simla message gives the casualties, in the Kohat riots on September 15, 11 Muslims killed and 23 wounded; 29 Hindus killed and 86 injured. Six members of the police were also injured.

The case in which two women are charged with dumping a dead child in Third Street on the night of September 17, was again before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistrate's this morning. Each was fined \$5.

The floods at Bharatpur, says a Reuter despatch, are subsiding. However, one third of Bharatpur city has been destroyed. There has been some loss of life and heavy losses among the cattle. The damage is estimated at over £1,000,000.

For assaulting a conductor, Choi Sing, of bus No. 175, of the Kowloon Motor Bus Co., on September 6, building contractor of Kowloon City appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's this morning. He was fined \$5.

The "China Mail" has received a copy from Messrs. Lane, Crawford Ltd., of the firm's latest catalogue. From a glance through the 100 odd pages, it is evident that every probable equipment of the dweller in the Far East can be satisfied at the emporium in Ice House Street.

Uladslaw Kowalski, a stranded stoker from the German ship "Scheer," which left for Singapore on Monday, was charged with vagrancy before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistrate's this morning. The magistrate ordered him to be sent to the House of Detention.

Mr. J. Ward, acting manager of Messrs. Whiteway, Laidlaw and Co. Ltd., reported to the police at 10 a.m. yesterday that some time between 2 p.m. on Sept. 17 and 7 a.m. on September 18, 40 watches, valued at \$1,000 were stolen from the premises of the firm. The thief is believed to have left through the side door leading into a side lane on the Eastside.

Three coolies, charged with theft of five pieces of copper piping and two hammers from on board the s.s. "Mansa" lying in the harbour yesterday, appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's this morning. They were each sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

THAT OLIVE BRANCH.

MORE TALK OF PEACE IN
KWANGTUNG.

GENERAL LI FOOK-LAM.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, September 18.
Despite the fact that Chan Kwong-ming's allies are hammering away on the East River front, the latest rumour in Canton is that the olive branch will yet be in evidence after which Dr. Sun Yat-sen and his former benchman will be in joint rule again.

Political gossip claims that Chan himself is not in favour of an attack on the Canton-Kowloon Railway with Sun's hands full elsewhere, but that he is casting covetous eyes on a part of Fokien where the military are now busy in an expedition to the North. They state that Chan feels the time is not ripe for another bid for Canton but, nevertheless, he is not disagreeable to reunion.

General Lam Fook, a former Kwang leader, and who has sided against Dr. Sun for several years, is the commander of the anti-Sun troops who have scored successes along the Railway.

"Hav" Arms Hitch

One after another, Dr. Sun's Kuomintang satellites are leaving Canton. Inability to return the "Hav" arms to the merchants, will, it is predicted, bring about the departure of Wu Han-min and Liu Chung-ol. General Li Fook-lam, the Cantonese governor of that part of Canton south of the river, is looked upon as the soldier of the hour as he commands the respect of all parties. He is already spoken of as having been asked to carry out the duties of Mayor and Chief of Police. The politicians would welcome him as Civil Governor. It is doubtful, however, if he will leave his Honan stronghold.

Dr. Sun's "White Wolf Cubs" have met with misadventure in their trip with him up the North River. Alleged forcible billeting in private homes incensed the natives of Yingtak who drove them out.

By the steamers coming up from Hongkong there are arriving every day, members of detachments of pro-Sun regiments which have been ousted from their outposts near the British New Territories.

RESCUE TUG.

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Enquiries, made by a "China Mail" representative this morning, regarding the Rescue Tug which the Taikoo Dock Company is building for the Harbour Department and for the first year's expenditure of which \$110,000 was voted in the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, elicited the information that it would be used solely for life-saving and would not in any way be employed with other boats on salvage work.

The tug is 130 ft. B.H.P. with 50 ft. beam, 15 ft. 6 in. moulded depth and a draught of 14 ft. with full load and is entirely self-contained. It is being built, in accordance with the suggestion of the late Commander Beekwith and will perform the functions which the motor boats would have done had they not been found impracticable on this coast.

It will also be used in taking personnel to the Observatory Station, which it is proposed to set up at Pratas Reef, and on relief work generally before, after and during typhoons.

The tug is a single screw oil-burning vessel and its chains, cables, winches and anchors are, if anything, more powerful than those required for a vessel of this type. It is fitted with wireless, searchlights and all facilities for first aid. Altogether it should be a very great acquisition to the Harbour Department.

MAJOR ZANNI

COMING AT LAST.

WATCH THIS WEEK-END.

To-morrow or Sunday, Major Zanni should be in Hongkong on his flight round the world. This morning, the "China Mail" was courteously informed by the Asiatic Petroleum Co., that the aviators would start in their seaplane either to-morrow or the day after.

ARMS EVIL

SHIP'S PANTRY BOY
SENTENCED.

FIVE YEARS' JAIL.

Sentence of five years with hard labour was passed on Wong Fan, a pantry boy on board the s.s. "Paul Lecat," who was found guilty at the Criminal Sessions this morning of having in his possession three revolvers and 300 rounds of ammunition on Aug. 17. The case was heard before Mr. Justice Dyer Ball and a jury.

Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, Crown Solicitor prosecuted and Mr. N. I. Brewer defended.

Mr. Hazlerigg said that the defendant was a pantry boy on board the "Paul Lecat" which on August 17 arrived in Hongkong from France. The vessel came into harbour at about six in the morning and at 6-10 the police boarded her in the usual manner, among the party being Sergeant Simpson. The majority of the passengers (among whom were a number for Hongkong) would naturally get off within a short time of the ship's arrival in port. It was eleven o'clock (five hours afterwards) that Sergeant Simpson saw the defendant who was coming up the companion way. In his hands was a jar, the mouth of which was covered with a cloth. When stopped by the Sergeant he put down the jar, backed, and gave the impression that he was going to bolt. The Sergeant seized the man with one hand and with the other ripped off the cloth from the top of the jar.

Lemon Peel Layer.

Inside the jar the Sergeant found a layer of lemon peel, partially dried and below that the three .38 revolvers of a make unknown, also the 300 rounds, 300 of which were of a kind fitting the revolvers and 200 of a slightly smaller calibre.

The ship had come from France, said Mr. Hazlerigg, and the cartridges were in boxes made in France with French words on them.

Reverting to the scene of the arrest on deck, Mr. Hazlerigg said that when the Sergeant had taken the arms and ammunition out of the jar he turned to the defendant and said "Who gave you this?" The man made no reply then; but when charged four hours later, at the Water Police Station, he made the following statement:

"An old man on board the ship asked me to take the jar to the sampan. I do not know the man. He is not working on board the ship." It was clear, said Mr. Hazlerigg, that the defendant had possession of the arms and the only point to be decided was whether he knew the contents of the jar or whether he was merely an innocent carrier. The man was employed in the pantry and the jar was of a type one might expect in the culinary department of a ship. Lemon peel, such as was in the jar, was commonly collected by pantry boys and sold on the arrival of the ship in Hongkong. Regarding the statement as to the old man, he asked the jury to remember that the incident occurred five hours after the arrival of the boat in Hongkong. One would naturally anticipate that, by then, Hongkong passengers would have left with their luggage. Mr. Hazlerigg also directed the jury's attention to the fact that when questioned by the Sergeant at the time, as to who had given him the jar, the defendant made no reply. The obvious course, for an innocent man who knew that he had got into serious trouble, would have been for him to have taken the police to point out the man, also to point out the sampan from the gangway.

"I ask you to say that defendant's story is an invention for the purpose of trying to clear himself," concluded Mr. Hazlerigg.

Evidence For Crown.

Sergeant Simpson bore out the opening statements of the Crown Solicitor and during cross-examination by Mr. Brewer, said that he was not aware that he had a "ferocious" expression on his face. He had been searching down below and might not have been "exactly clean."

Mr. Brewer: It was a hot day? Sgt. Simpson: Yes.

Mr. Brewer: And you were possibly not feeling too pleased with yourself?

Sgt. Simpson: Quite possibly.

Under further cross-examination by Mr. Brewer, witness said that it would be rather unusual for a pantry boy to be asked to take articles ashore for a passenger, as the launches had already left and stewards would be the proper people to give their services.

ALLEGED FRAUD.

SOLICITORS' CLERKS IN
COURT.

HEAVY BAIL FIXED.

At the Hongkong Magistracy this morning, Lo Shu-fan and Chan Pui-chun, clerks in the employ of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, Solicitors, appeared to answer charges of alleged fraud. By forgery and conspiracy, they are alleged to have obtained a sum of \$20,000.

Mr. R. E. Lindell, the magistrate, ordered the case to be remanded until next Friday at 10 a.m.

The bail of Lo Shu-fan was fixed at \$30,000, the security demanded for the appearance of Chan Pui-chun being \$10,000.

Detective Sub-Inspector Lane appeared to prosecute.

COLLISION.

B & S. VESSEL IS
BADLY DAMAGED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, September 19.
A collision occurred to-day, off Quentine Island, between the Rotterdam Lloyd Company's steamer s.s. "Slamat" and Messrs. Butterfield, Swire & Co.'s s.s. "Kingyuan". The latter vessel was lying at anchor at the time. She sustained considerable damage to her upper structure, near the poop.

POSTMASTER GENERAL.

MR. TRATMAN TO BE
APPOINTED.

The "China Mail" understands that when the Hon. Mr. McL. Messer, O.B.E. returns to the Colony in November, Mr. D. W. Tratman who is at present acting for Mr. Messer as Colonial Treasurer, will be appointed to the position of Postmaster General for the Colony.

Mr. Tratman, arrived in the Colony shortly after he had passed as a cadet in 1904. He has acted as Land Officer, Police Magistrate, First Assistant Registrar-General, Chief Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and Head of the Sanitary Department. He was appointed Acting Colonial Treasurer and Collector of Stamp Revenue when he returned from leave early in 1922, and for a period, was Custodian of Enemy Property in addition. He was again appointed to that post when the Hon. Mr. McL. Messer went home on leave.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BROKER'S CLAIM.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—With reference to the report of the case in the Summary Court in which Hon Shiu-wan, described as a broker of Alexander Ross & Co. sued our clients Messrs. Dickson Parker & Co., Ltd., for a sum of \$65.60 brokerage alleged to be due to him, we are instructed by Messrs. Alexander Ross & Co. to say that the claim made by Hon Shiu-wan was purely a personal one and does not in any way affect or concern our clients.

Yours faithfully,

HASTINGS, DENNY & BOWLEY.
Hongkong, September 18.

Miss Mabel Fortune of Wigan, Graduate of the Manchester University has been appointed principal of the girls' school at Ningpo. Miss Fortune has been appointed by the United Methodist Missionary Society.—Reuter.

Defendant In Box.

Defendant went into the witness box and gave evidence. He said that he met the old man on the companion way and that, when asked, to take the jar to a waiting sampan he remarked that it was "pretty heavy." The old man told him that there was only lemon peel in it. He was to wait at the gangway and would be shown on what sampan to place it.

Cross-examined as to why he had not shown the other man to the police, the defendant said that the old man had run away when he saw that the jar had been opened.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty. His Lordship, in passing sentence, of 5 years' imprisonment, said that it was clear that defendant had been trying to smuggle the arms to Hongkong and had merely pretended that he did not know the contents of the jar.

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PAGEANT OF EMPIRE.
GIANT THEATRE SCHEME
AT WEMBLEY.

The Pageant of Empire which opened at Wembley in July is the greatest of theatre productions. Never in the history of the United Kingdom of any other country has such an immense pageant been held, and the 15,000 performers, during the next six weeks, will show to an audience of fifty thousand a day what can be described only as "the greatest show on earth." All night long, seven elephants, eight camels, three bears, seventy-two monkeys, three hundred horses, fifty donkeys, and one thousand doves howl, scream and coo as they wait, waiting for the dawn. They are only a few of the players in this vast show.

The 15,000 actual performers have been brought from every part of England, and it is interesting to note that the part of John Sebastian Cabot, whose sailing for Newfoundland opens the story, is taken by a direct descendant, who has the same name. A descendant of Captain Cook also appears in the part of the famous navigator.

One hundred and twenty tailors were working for many weeks on the twenty-five miles of cloth used in the costumes. Hundreds of scene painters turned 10,000 square yards of canvas into a pageant of colour. An artificial lake was dug into the Stadium ground, and the audience are able to look down on it, with its 237,000 gallons of water, on the ground where the Rodco champions wrestled for fame a few weeks ago.

A cathedral 80 feet high, great ships, houses, and the world's largest carpet, which covers half the Stadium, are some of the properties. Five thousand wigs, 200 tons of timber, 21 tons of nails, and 5 miles of steel wire are other properties involved. Cecil Rhodes' Kirk, mountain ranges, trees 40 feet high, and great strips of skyline, one piece of which alone measures 276 feet, and ships of the 13th and 18th century also appear in the Pageant.

It is strange, when in the Stadium, looking at this tremendous pageant, to suppose that the world of 1924 breathes and lives outside. Royalties of long ago, great adventurers who set forth in their sailing ships, Nelson's funeral couch, Phoenician barges, "Maori Dancers" from New Zealand, Queen Elizabeth's stage coach, sedan chairs and bullock waggon, savages' canoes and prairie schooners seem strangely remote from this London-world in which we live, with our taxis and electric lights.

During these six weeks, the Empire's history will be lived again, and the tremendous production is being put on so that 50,000 people may see it free every day.

3 MEN ON A ROPE.

HANGING 5 HOURS OVER CHASM.

Chamonix, August 12.—After hanging for five hours by a rope over a 300ft. precipice three Italian tourists were rescued by guides sent out from here.

The tourists, all from Turin, started without guides to ascend the Aiguille de Grépon, 11,400ft. high, one of the most famous and difficult climbing tours in the Alps. They reached the summit in safety, but on their return one slipped and took the others with him in his fall.

Luckily the rope between the second and the third got caught on a rock and held the three men suspended over the chasm.

The man who was hanging lowest tried in vain to swing inwards and get a footing on a rocky ledge. He was warned by the shouts of his comrades that he was running the risk of making the rope slip and he stopped.

The accident had been seen from below where the climb was being followed with glasses, and a rescue party of guides set off. Owing to the difficult character of the ground they could not reach the spot till night and it was some time before they could pull the tourists back to safety. The rescued men were brought back to Chamonix with difficulty. One has a broken leg and the others are covered with cuts and bruises.

LONDON UNCHANGED.
VETERAN AMERICAN
ACTOR'S DELIGHT.

Mr. David Warfield, the veteran American actor, whose name is associated with that of David Belasco and the latter's great success, The Music Master, is visiting London for the first time in thirteen years.

"I don't know why I stayed away so long," Mr. Warfield said to an "Evening Standard" representative, "for I love London. But I have lost my heart to California where I spent many long rests. Then came the war, and what with one thing and another 13 years passed."

"But now I'm here, I am glad indeed that I came."

Mr. Warfield, who is staying at the Berkeley, continued:—

"It's so quiet and restful this great sprawling city of London. And quaint. But perhaps that is not the right word. Unique is better."

"In 13 years it has not changed a bit. The form has changed a little perhaps, but the spirit not at all."

"I haven't been to the theatres yet. I shall just drop in as the mood and the spirit direct me."

"The last rôle I played in New York was 'Shylock,' but that was a year ago at the Lyceum. Since then I have been touring, and that is wearing me."

Questioned about an appearance on the London stage, which was promised but did not materialise, Mr. Warfield shook his head.

"It was not easy to break away from America for a whole season," he said, "I could have played a summer season at times, but if I played in London I would want to play in the season, and for a whole season."

Mr. Warfield, who is now 58 years of age, is as keen as ever on the subject of the stage.

"There is the usual amount of parrot talk about the stage going to the dogs," he said, "in America as elsewhere. But, as a matter of fact, the drama is in a very healthy and wholesome condition."

"Theatrical managers on our side are more courageous than they have ever been. They really do try to push good stuff."

TENPENNY SHILLING.

PROBABLE EFFECTS OF
PROPOSED ALTERATION.

Two probable effects of the proposed change in the value of the penny, by reducing the number to the shilling from 12 to 10, are discussed in a letter received from the Decimal Association.

These two aspects deal with wages paid on the hourly basis and the selling prices of commodities in pennyworths. In the former it is sought to show by example that by deducting one-sixth from the 12-penny shilling, the new rate could, for 1s. 9d., be expressed as 17½ high-value pence (with 10 to the shilling), and that the result to the workman would be the same as at present, although it is admitted that in actual practice there might be a certain rounding-up in favour of the workman, so that his wage position would be either unaltered or improved.

In the case of selling prices it is urged that if the value of the penny were increased by 20 per cent., its purchasing power would be raised by at the least that amount, and that owing to the reduced proportion of its higher value required to cover overhead charges it would be possible to give more than 20 per cent. extra value as compared with the existing penny. It is further argued that if the value of the penny is not raised the retail prices of pre-war halfpennyworths and pennyworths must remain at 1d. and 1½d. respectively, thus involving the perpetuation of 100 per cent. and 50 per cent. price advances, as compared with the 20 per cent. over the pre-war level now recommended.

On these grounds the Decimal Association claim that the adoption of their proposal would reduce the cost of living, especially to those who are obliged to buy their daily needs in pennyworths.

MURDER CASE.
A WOMAN SENTENCED
TO DEATH.

RECOMMENDATION TO MERCY.

Tam Sam, the middle aged woman whose trial on a charge of murdering her adopted daughter on July 15 was commenced at the Criminal Sessions yesterday morning, was found guilty later in the day but recommended to mercy by the jury.

His Lordship, after assuring them that their recommendation would be forwarded to the proper quarters, passed sentence of death. The final witnesses called by the Crown were two Chinese policemen who visited the house shortly after the crime. Both of them said that the woman was not under the influence of drink at the time.

The case for the Crown having been closed, Mr. Fitzroy put the prisoner in the witness-box. She stated that on the day of the tragedy she had been drinking. She did not well remember what happened. The first recollection that was clear to her was of the two policemen dragging her to the station. She did not know how the deceased came by her injury.

Cross-examined by Mr. Nihill, the woman said that when she had been under arrest for about six days, another of her adopted daughters told her that the deceased had stretched up to take some boiled oatmeal from a shelf, and had slipped and fallen on the knife. On being reminded by Counsel that she had made that very same statement at the police station when she was arrested, she said that that might be so, but she had certainly been told of the incident when in prison.

After a lengthy speech in which Mr. Nihill asked the jury to return a verdict of murder, Mr. Fitzroy rose, and eloquently urged them, by reason of the prisoner's drunken state at the time of the crime and for other considerations, to make their finding one of manslaughter.

ST. ANDREW'S.

GENERAL MEETING ON
SEPTEMBER 22.

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society will be held in the City Hall, on Friday, September 26, at 6 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending August 31, 1924.

The following report of the Committee, signed by Messrs. J. Reid and A. Ritchie, will be presented:

Your Committee have pleasure in presenting to you the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended August 31, 1924. The balance at the credit of the Society now stands at Hongkong \$2,926.76 to which must be added the sum of Straits \$6,700 invested in 5½ per cent. Straits War Loan.

The Annual Ball was held in the City Hall, on St. Andrew's Day. A Robert Burns Birthday dinner was held on January 25, at the Hongkong Hotel.

The sum of \$924.79 was expended during the year in assisting distressed Scotsmen.

The "J. R. M. Smith" Scholarship was won by Miss Jean Stewart of the Central British School.

Your Committee offer their congratulations to Sir Gershom Stewart, K.B.E., on the honour His Majesty has conferred upon him.

Your Committee deeply regret to record the deaths of Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, a Past President, Messrs. Wm. Armstrong, S. B. C. Ross, Wm. Stewart, P. Shaw, W. Budge, R. Hutchinson, W. Y. Henderson and John Lennox.

During the year 76 new Members joined the Society and it is hoped Members will continue to give their assistance by bringing forward new names.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. R. L. Moncreiff to whom our thanks are due.

U.K. AND GERMANY.

TREATY OF COMMERCE.

NEW PACT PROPOSED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, September 18.

The British Government recently considered the question of the conclusion of an Anglo-German commercial treaty in view of the forthcoming termination of the arrangement under Treaty of Versailles whereby the allies received the most favoured nation treatment from Germany. Certain tentative proposals have been made through the British Embassy in Berlin, and Board of Trade experts will go shortly to Berlin to hold preliminary conversations with German experts preparatory to the conclusion of a definite treaty subsequently.

HONGKONG'S MILLION.
UNIQUE CENSUS SYSTEM.

In an attempt to arrive at reliable figures of opium consumption per head of the Colony's population, the Committee appointed by H.E. the Governor adopted a novel means to obtain their goal.

The official figures show that during the years 1919-1923 the consumption per head of the population averaged tael 53. Figures in this connection are of doubtful value, but, as this particular figure has been queried, it will be as well to examine the point in detail.

The consumption of tael 53 refers to Government opium. In paragraph 5 of this report it is suggested that the consumption of illicit opium equals the consumption of Government opium, and on this basis the total consumption is tael 1.06 per head. These figures are based upon an estimated average population of 650,000. It is not surprising that the Hongkong census figures are much below the actual figures of population, for reasons which it is unnecessary to examine here. The Committee has information regarding the actual population to the following effect:—

The bulk of the Colony's night-soil is carried away by a Contractor for purposes of manure for mulberry growing. The successful bidder for the present contract, dating from 1921, worked upon the census figure of 680,000 persons, and allowed for taels 3 in weight of nightsoil per head per day, or a total of some 1,275 piculs. He reduced this figure to 1,100 piculs because of wastage through water closets and boat population, and he tendered accordingly. The amount of nightsoil now being collected approximates to 2,500 piculs or nearly four million taels, which, at tael 3 per head, gives a population of over 1,300,000, without allowing for wastage. The figures arrived at through this somewhat unusual method of census taking is probably very much nearer the mark than the official figure and upon this basis the total consumption of opium comes out again at about half a tael a head.

S.C.A.A.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR
FOOTBALL SEASON.

Now that the inter-district competition of the South China Athletic Association has been completed, the local Chinese footballers are settling down in real earnest to this season's league and shield events.

Over twenty players of promise have been discovered in the close season competition and, with last season's number, the league champions will have over sixty men from whom to pick their four teams, two in the first division and two in the second division of the league.

It does not seem as if South China are splitting up their talent to make two strong teams, as nearly all those who played for the first eleven last year will turn out for the 'A' team in the first league. The following are mentioned:—

Lau Hing-cheung, Chan So, Lai Yik-tut, Iam Yik-ying, Wong Sui-wah, Leung Yuk-tong, Wong Pak-chung, Li Wai-tong, Chan Kwong-in, Pang Kam-wing, Chei Ping-fun, Cheung Wing-ang and Ng Kam-chien.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"SHERLOCK BROWN."

"Sherlock Brown," as the name denotes, is a farcical comedy. It is a Metro picture with Bert Lytell as the star. Bert takes the part of a young clerk who is imbued with the ambition of emulating, if not surpassing, the feats of his namesake.

However, to prove that nothing serious is meant, the picture starts with Bert obtaining, on payment of \$5, a detective's badge from a fictitious school which professes to teach sleuthing by correspondence.

Unlike Conan Doyle's famous character, "Sherlock Brown" is not provided with a Watson. Without this restraining influence, Sherlock gets into all kinds of scrapes and by the merest luck solves a riddle which has baffled the best brains in the American detective world. Of course, there is a girl, or rather, several girls in the picture. One nearly proves his undoing, but the other does not take advantage of him.

"Sherlock Brown" will open for a short run at the Queen's Theatre to-day and should certainly provide pleasant and interesting relaxation from the ordinary run of cinema pictures.

ROXOR

LATE MR. STEPHEN.
TRIBUTE BY GOVERNOR.

His Excellency the Governor, during the adjournment of the Legislative Council Meeting yesterday, paid a glowing tribute to the late Mr. A. G. Stephen.

Sir Reginald said:

During the five years that I have had the honour of presiding over this Council, I have had on a good many occasions to call the attention of members of the Council to deaths of members or ex-members of the Council, but I have never done so with such regret as I do in asking this Council to take notice of the death of my friend Alexander Gordon Stephen. Mr. Stephen was only for a short while a member of this Council. He accepted appointment to the Council rather as a personal favour to myself, but after a short time he found it impossible to reconcile the work of the Council with his arduous work outside, and he asked my permission to resign the appointment. But, for more than two years, he was a very valuable member of my Executive Council.

Mr. Stephen was a good councillor and a valuable citizen of this Colony; prominent in every part of its life. We shall miss him greatly, both as a member of the Council and as a member of our society. His loss is not confined to this Colony. Mr. Stephen, as Chief Manager of that great institution the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, has for years past employed his extensive powers in Hongkong and China in the best interests of British trade and of the British Empire and China, and I feel that the British Empire has suffered a very severe loss in his untimely death. He filled a prominent position in this Colony both in official and in social life. He was a prominent figure in every sport and every activity of the Colony and his place will, indeed, be hard to fill. From a more personal point of view I cannot trust myself to speak. He was one of my dearest friends and constant companions, and those of us who had the privilege of enjoying his friendship knew how valuable a possession that was. He was a man of great breadth of mind, great erudition, generous and charitable, and in every way a fine character; a man with a big heart and a big brain. I feel that we have lost a man it will be many years before we shall see replaced. I propose that the Clerk to the Council be authorised to express to Mrs. Stephen and Mr. Stephen's family our deep sympathy in their loss and our appreciation of the services he rendered to this Colony and to British interests in the East.

UNOFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT.
Hon. Mr. Holyoak: Sir—In all that has fallen from your Excellency's lips in connection with the terribly sudden and untimely death of our late colleague, Mr. A. G. Stephen, on behalf of the Unofficial Members of this Council, I desire most sincerely to associate myself.

This Colony has lost a wise Councillor, a distinguished Banker, whose great reputation was deservedly international and world-wide, and whose wise counsel and mature judgment during present political crisis and upheaval in China, will be sorely missed, and we, a colleague and friend, whom we loved and honoured.

Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall: In the name of the Chinese community, Sir, I respectfully and sincerely associate myself with the sentiments expressed by your Excellency and the hon. member representing the General Chamber of Commerce.

SCHOOLS.
A SATISFACTORY REPORT.

The Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, late Director of Education, in his report for the year 1923 (laid on the table at yesterday's Council meeting) states that on the whole the schools of the Colony are in a satisfactory state. Departmental regulations in the case of Government schools and the nature of the Grant in the case of the Grant schools ensure that the senior classes are really taught and presented for the University examinations as units, to the discouragement of special tuition and pot-hunting for scholarships. These conditions which have been enforced for many years tend to produce a high general level, and should not in his opinion be lightly discarded.

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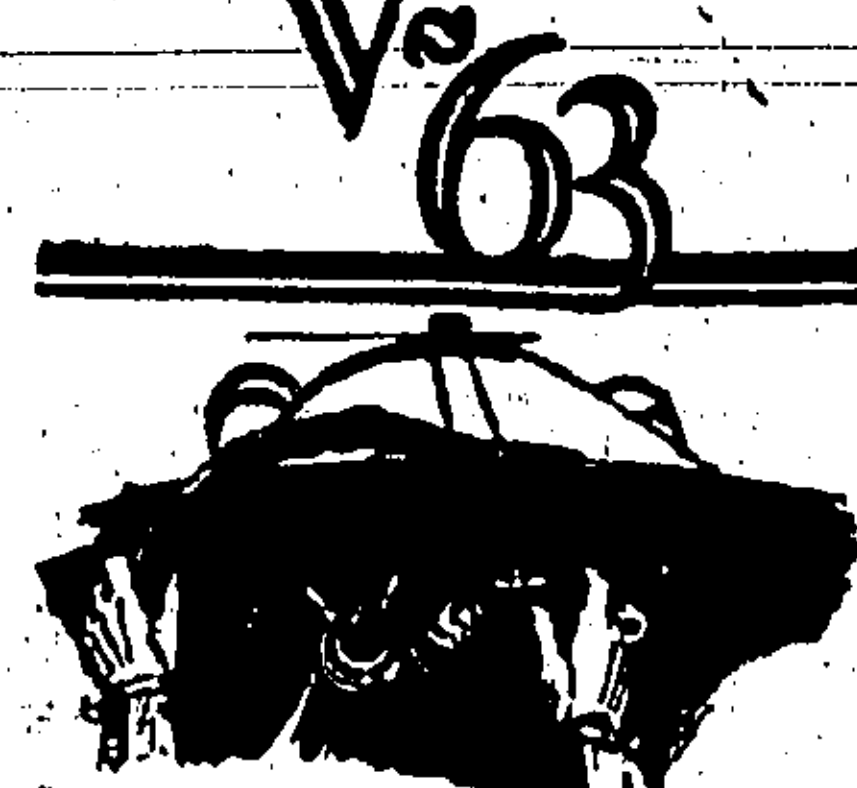
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, 4th day of OCTOBER, 1924, at Noon for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1924.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from September 27th to 4th October, 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order,
M. MANUEL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th September, 1924.

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HONGKONG. AS IT APPEARED TO A TRAVELLER

Thus a writer in a weekly Home paper:

The good ship "Empress of Canada" carried us safely and happily to Hongkong. Hongkong sheers up out of the water—a huge rock, green to the top where it isn't stone-grey with streets and houses. Great Britain's other Rock, Gibraltar, may be more impressive, but Hongkong stands at the cross-roads of the East, and the trade that flows in and out of this marvellous harbour at its feet would turn Gibraltar dizzy. For at one time (not so long ago) it was the greatest port in the world in point of in and out tonnage. And that day may easily come again, if the East wakes.

It didn't have an easy time growing, this settlement off the South China coast, for when it was born, 82 years ago, there wasn't a more turbulent corner of the world. But, just as its houses filled the lower level and then rose, tier on hillside tier till they climbed 600 feet above the water, so, through peril and piracy, through fights with the Cantonese on shore and with the Colonial Secretary in England, through fires and plagues, intrigues and strikes, under wise Governors and others not so wise, the Crown Colony pushed its way stubbornly ahead, developing not only a city and a harbour, but a financial system that stretched out all over the East, great business interests that changed the face of lands and rivers, and educational institutions that are still doing their part in influencing the packed millions of the most conservative country on earth.

November, December, January, and early February are the best months in Hongkong. Before that it's a bit too hot; afterward, the rains begin. But during that time one couldn't ask a better climate in which to do anything outdoors.

Perfect Golf Courses.

The best golf in the East is to be found at Fanling—about 18 miles away—two perfect inland courses of 18 holes; and there are other courses at Deep Water Bay and Happy Valley. The Jockey Club is at Happy Valley, too, and the racecourse, with hills on three sides of it. If you're there in February you'll see three days of excitement that envelops everybody from the most august taipan (which is Hongkongese for money baron) to his humblest clerk. It has even been suggested that there is an attendance from across the valley—a cosmopolitan gathering, truly—where the Mohammedan, the Catholic, the Protestant, and the Parsee cemeteries stand side by side in the middle of their flowers.

Motoring, too, is something that everyone does. To-day it may mean taking the twenty-five-mile trip around the island, passing beautiful bays and picturesque villages and stopping for tea at the Repulse Bay Hotel, where one will undoubtedly return later, drawn by the promise of swimming, yachting, golf, and aviation. To-morrow, it may mean that one crosses in the Kowloon ferry over to the mainland for the sixty-mile drive in what is known as the "New Territory," which doesn't belong to Great Britain, but is held on a ninety-nine year lease. But as one may imagine, those amusements that have to do with the water are perhaps the most popular in Hongkong. One goes to Deep Water Bay, let us say, for a picnic, and to swim. Some people motor over, but others prefer a launch with an hour and a half of blue and gold and green background to life under the awnings. In the summer the water is so warm that the swimmers stay in for hours, but even in the winter the tropical sea is never what a North America would call less than pleasantly warm. There are row boats to be had, too, and yachts of various sizes and kinds, though these are, in the main, privately owned and appear before the public only at regatta time, which is one of the gayest events of the year. Launches, however, are always to be had for hire, and the limit of exploration in the seas around is only the limit of one's stay.

Riches and Chairs.

Walking is another thing one does in Hongkong. There are, of course, in addition to the motors, plenty of rickshaws on the lower levels of the city and sedan chairs on the hill, but one walks for sport and to keep fit. There are all sorts of pleasant little forestry paths made and maintained for one's accommodation, but the most popular walk concerns itself with the Peak and the sunset, though it is only fair to say that the lazy will see just as much if they let the funicular railway do the 1825-foot exercise for them.

When the flagstaff is finally reached the whole harbour lies spread out below—a great polished tinted map, many armed, backed with blue hills, covered with wonderful islands and a still more

SWIMMING. HARBOUR RACE.

CHINESE EVENT TO-MORROW.

To-morrow, the first of the annual series of races across the harbour will be held; as the Chinese Swimming Club will be holding their event.

Till a few years ago, there was only one harbour race each year but recently there have been races for ladies and for the Chinese.

The course to-morrow will be from Hung Hom across to the North Point beach. Competitors will take to the water at 3 p.m. Entries do not close till to-night.

wonderful and miscellaneous collection of shipping from all over the world. Beyond those hills, in the quiet Shatin Valley, they used to grow special white rice for the Royal Palace in Peking. In the Tide Cove that looks like a thirty-mile lake all banked with mountains, the pirates used to take shelter in days gone by. Tigers were found in that neighbourhood—sometimes they are to-day! But, eighty-two years ago, the whole settlement at one's feet, with its hum of world politics, was nothing but a native fishing village, for which the scornful old Viceroy over in Canton wouldn't have given his second-best fan! And now look at the flags of all nations on Hongkong's blue-harbour doorstep! Yet even while one looks, the sunset goes, and the quick topic dark drops like a bird, and lights spring up on sea and land, so that there are two skies, at peace with each other, full of stars.

No wonder one learns to love the view so much that one takes a room at the Peak Hotel for a while, where such views are always to be had from the roof garden, and tea is also to be had—like tea in an aeroplane!

Playing Fantan.

Another thing one must do is to go over to Macao, that rocky peninsula which has been a stronghold of the Portuguese in the East since 1557. The houses are so gaily painted, the uphill roads so clean and bright, the gardens so pretty, the whole place so quiet and so quaint that the little city of 75,000 would be well worth the pleasant three-hour sail among the islands even if one didn't go to it for the purpose of playing fantan, as most of the visitors do.

The foreigner isn't wanted around the table where the Chinese stake their money—a circle of yellow faces that never show when they win or show when they lose—a circle of eyes that look just the same when the mandarin gambles away his ancestral home, and wins it back, and loses it again. But the management doesn't wish to miss anyone's patronage, so the foreigner is invited to go upstairs to a sort of gallery that overlooks the table. There are quick and smiling attendants at the foreign elbow—there are little baskets that go up and down by hand to carry money. And so one plays in the game and yet not of it, marvelling at the hold it takes on so apparently unemotional a race—unless, indeed, one is a born gambler oneself, in which case the marvelling is all on the Celestial side. And so to bed in the old Portuguese hotel—or home to Hongkong.

But even should one chance to be the serious-minded husband of a frivolous lady given to travel, there would be plenty of interesting things to fill up one's visit. Take the Hongkong University, for example, founded by an Englishman, largely financed by a Parsee, and later showered with benefits by a sort of Chinese Carnegie who made his money in tin, and died worth five million pounds sterling, despite his enormous gifts to charity. To this university come men from all over the China to meet their first impact with the West, and many a future trade connection may hang on the relative impressions that some young engineer forms of this or that country, this or that method, in his student years.

Shipping Companies.

Then—if a man has letters of introduction—he is sure to meet important officers in those great institutions that took over the Orient where the British East India Company left off—the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, familiarly called "the Bank," for thousands of miles, ruler of exchange rates, deposit box of vast secrets; Jardine, Matheson & Co., whose activities in the East are more easily explained by saying what they don't do than by attempting to make a list of them, since everything from cotton cloth to steamships carries the mystic name of the "Ewo Hong"; Butterfield & Swire, who build ships at their own dockyard, refine sugar, and carry everything to everybody everywhere between Singapore and Vladivostok—and many other old but no less active "hong," whose network of interests ties the East closer and closer to the West.

MULTSAI. NUMBERS REDUCED.

It is generally agreed that the number of "mul-tai" in Hongkong has been very considerably reduced since the Female Domestic Service Ordinance came into operation, states the Hon. Mr. A. E. Wood, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, in his annual report for 1923. In many cases the girls have been voluntarily restored to their parents or relatives by masters or mistresses wishing to avoid all risk of contact with the law. In other cases "mul-tai" have been given in marriage at an earlier age than usual. Instead of waiting till a girl is 20 or so, arrangements have been made for marriage at the age of 17 or 18, the object being to divest the masters or mistresses of further responsibility.

In some cases "Mul-tai" have shown the utmost unwillingness to return to their parents. They had been enjoying a higher standard of living with kindly masters or mistresses, and were strongly disinclined to revert to a life of comparative hardship. The result has sometimes been that by general consent the girl has remained with her master. Sometimes on the other hand the parent has insisted on recovering the girl who has been prevailed upon by means of exhortation, appealing to her sense of filial piety, to leave her comfortable home and rejoin her relatives.

The report also states that it was Chinese custom to provide a newly married woman with a "mul-tai," who accompanies her to her new home, as her personal servant. Since the passing of the Ordinance, the custom is said to be dying out in Hongkong and instead of a "mul-tai" the bride is presented with money to engage a servant on a regular wage. Apart from such special cases, moreover, the report states that there is a general tendency to engage "chu-nin-mul" or servants on a wage agreement.

CHILD LABOUR.

EMPLOYERS READY TO MEET
NEW LAW.

Hon. Mr. A. E. Wood, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, in his annual report for the year 1923 (laid on the table at yesterday's Legislative Council meeting) states that employers of factory labour have been found very ready to meet the requirements of the new Ordinance relating to child labour. Before the introduction of this Ordinance, the working hours for children were often excessive, states the report, extending sometimes to 11 and 12 hours a day. Nine hours is now the maximum for persons under the age of 15. Some employers have preferred to dispense with the labour of children altogether, but where they remain, little or no difficulty has been experienced in enforcing our regulations as to hours, and periods of rest. A few of the factories have adopted the system of closing down on Sundays and this practice seems to be gaining ground. In trades declared dangerous, such as glass-making and boiler-chipping, no children may be employed, and special care has been taken to see that this rule is observed.

With regard to the employment of children in casual outdoor labour, such as debris-carrying through the city and brick-carrying to the Peak, which are particularly liable to draw the attention of residents and visitors, the report declares that measures have been taken to control and regulate this form of labour. Building contractors and coolie contractors have been visited and their help invited. Copies of the Ordinance in Chinese have been distributed and notices posted at the principal loading-places on the water front.

A number of sub-contractors and coolie contractors have been summoned to this department and cautioned. It may fairly be said that the result has been a distinct decrease in the number of young children so employed. Constant supervision, however, is needed to attain our object in this direction.

In administering a new Ordinance of this nature, it is important to secure the co-operation of employers and over-hasty action has been carefully avoided. It has not yet been found necessary to bring any prosecutions.

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V. R. C. THE YEAR 1923.

The Annual General Meeting of members of the Victoria Recreation Club will be held on Friday, September 26.

The report, which is to be presented, states *inter-alia*: Great activity has been shown during this season by the rowing members. The number of active rowers, however, did not increase to such an extent as is desirable, but nevertheless the standard of rowing greatly improved on account of the many opportunities which the active members had thoroughly to study rowing during the Inter-club contests which took place.

Through the initiative of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club an Inter-club Regatta was arranged in March at the R.H.K.Y.C., and at the special request of the R.H.K.Y.C., the V.R.C. agreed to co-operate. Two of the members who actually rowed at this Inter-club Regatta were V.R.C. members, but in view of the very short notice, the crews did not have sufficient time to get accustomed to one another, and in all the events, i.e., fours and pairs, Shanghai carried off the honours. At this meeting there was also a Fours Inter-Club Race between seniors of the R.H.K.Y.C. and the V.R.C. for crews who did not participate in Inter-club events. This race was won by the R.H.K.Y.C. by a very small margin from the V.R.C.

On Saturday 31st March and Monday 2nd April, the usual Victoria Regatta was held at Black Boulder Point, and very smart rowing was witnessed. All the events were well contested and for the first time in many years the V.R.C. had the honour of winning all the Inter-Club events from the R.H.K.Y.C., senior fours, senior pairs, junior fours, junior pairs, and thereby won the Royal Hongkong Flag.

SHANGHAI INTERPORT.

In the Autumn, the V.R.C. received invitations from the Shanghai Rowing Club to participate in conjunction with the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club in sending representatives from the Colony to Shanghai to compete against the Shanghai and Tientsin Rowing Clubs for Interport honours. This invitation was accepted by those Clubs, and for the first time in many years Hongkong agreed to compete in an Eight-Oars Boat Race as well. Unfortunately the Hongkong representatives were not successful during this meeting, but they certainly learned a tremendous lot from the exceptionally good standard of rowing witnessed in Shanghai, more specially in the Eight-Oars 1½ mile Race, which was a ding-dong struggle and won by Shanghai by three-quarters of a length only.

Of new boats, two pair oars were purchased from Ah King and proved excellent material.

It is the Rowing Committee's sincere hope that the active rowing members will take advantage of the very good experience they have received in the Interport Regatta during this year and otherwise, and also their fellow oarsmen and would-be oarsmen full advantage of such experience by coaching, etc.

CHAMPIONS.

The swimming element was particularly enthusiastic, due no doubt to the interest taken in the Water Polo Shield Competition which was won by the V. R. C. (A) Team, the R. G. A. being runners up. During the season six Night Fêtes were held, which were well patronised and the events keenly contested.

The Champions for 1923 over the various distances are as under:—

100 yards, E. A. Noronha, 56 secs.; 200 yards, A. F. May, 2 mins., 44/35 secs.; 400 yards, A. F. May, 6 mins., 19 secs.; 800 yards, A. F. May, 13 mins., 17/35 secs.; 100 yards, (Ladies)—G. Ramsay, 1 min., 22/35 secs.; 100 yards, (Boys) J. Pearne, 73/25 secs.

We regret that Mr. D. Lyon was unable at the last moment to compete in the Championship events owing to sickness.

This year fifty competitors, seven of whom were ladies, entered for the Harbour Races held on the October 16, 17 and 18. Mr. D. Lyon was successful in securing first place amongst the male competitors, his time being 27 minutes 40 seconds.

Miss M. Groundwater was the successful lady swimmer, her time being 34 minutes 18/35 seconds.

Great interest was taken by the Chinese community in the Harbour Race confined to Chinese, which was inaugurated for the first time this year through the kindness of Mr. Mok Kon-sang who put up a handsome Cup for the race. Mr. Leung Sul-man was the successful competitor, his time being 34 minutes 3 seconds.

At the Police Club "Gala" held in October, Mr. D. Lyon broke the 100 yards record for the Bath, his time being 59 seconds.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Our 21st Annual Athletic Sports, open to all Amateur Clubs of the Colony, took place on the ground of the Hongkong Football Club (kindly lent by the Committee) on April 21, 1923. The meeting

EMPRESS BOATS. MAY BE CONVERTED TO OIL.

Liverpool, Aug. 12.—It is reported that the Canadian Pacific Line is considering the advisability of converting the "Empress of Russia" and the "Empress of Asia," running on the trans-Pacific service, to oil alongside their bigger consorts. There are certainly many arguments in favour of this change, but it must not be forgotten that it has been considered before, and on that occasion there were arguments against it, also. At present these ships have to call in at Nagasaki for coal the day that they leave Kobe on their outward run, and again on the way home, so that one of the greatest charms of the West-about route to Australia, its freedom from all forms of inconvenience and discomfort, is to a certain extent negated. By the Suez Canal way the days spent in coaling in tropical or semi-tropical ports, when open portholes mean ill-health and closed ones mean suffocation, are always regarded as being the greatest disadvantage of the voyage, and although the Nagasaki call is not quite so bad on account of the interests ashore and the more reasonable climate, it is quite bad enough, and really is a serious disadvantage to the route. The question of speed is another, for these ships, and especially the "Empress of Russia," certainly have wonderful speeds on them, which reflect the very greatest credit on their Fairfield builders, and the day or two that they could save by the conversion to oil would make a difference to their favour with Japanese silk shippers, on whom so much of their prosperity depends. Bunkering arrangements also would be simpler, for practically the whole of the Canadian Pacific fleet out of Vancouver is now oil-burning; but here again there is the disadvantage that it is putting the whole service at the mercy of the open industry, and that industry is one that has shown a very unpleasant tendency lately to force up prices. Taking it all in all, however, the advantages appear to be in favour of the change, and the big Empresses have done so much for the prestige of the British flag in the Pacific that one would be glad to see it.

proved most successful. All the races were well competed for and in nearly all the important events the number of competitors was more than 10.

GYMNASIUM.

The Committee are again glad to be able to report that keen interest was taken in gymnastics during the period under review. A Physical Culture Class was conducted by Mr. J. Evans and some excellent results were achieved by him. While there are quite a number who avail themselves of Mr. Evans' services, it is to be hoped that more members will take advantage of his expert instruction. Regular work in gymnastics is essential if members are to attain the physical fitness necessary for successful participation in general athletics. Mr. Evans' services in this connection are much appreciated by the Committee.

BILLIARDS.

The Billiard Table is in good condition; a new cloth being provided during the 1922 season. It is in great demand and proves a great asset to the Club.

OBITUARY.

The Committee announce with deep regret the deaths of four members since the last annual meeting, viz.—Messrs. H. Burleigh, H. M. Silva, G. M. W. Reynolds and A. Weill.

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He appeared always to be in the enjoyment of the best of health, but early last year it was evident he was suffering at times and although he did not complain symptoms were regarded as serious and he was advised to go home for special treatment. He left Singapore with Mrs. Ladds on the "Glaucus" in November. He became rapidly worse, however, and for some months past it was known there was very little hope for him. The deceased was married in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, in November, 1904, to Miss Shariand, daughter of a vicar of a Huntingdonshire parish and to her and her children (two boys and three girls) will be extended the deepest sympathy of a wide circle of friends to whom Mrs. Ladds has especially endeared herself during her activities in diocesan work.

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PRIZE DAY ON H.M.S. "WORCESTER."

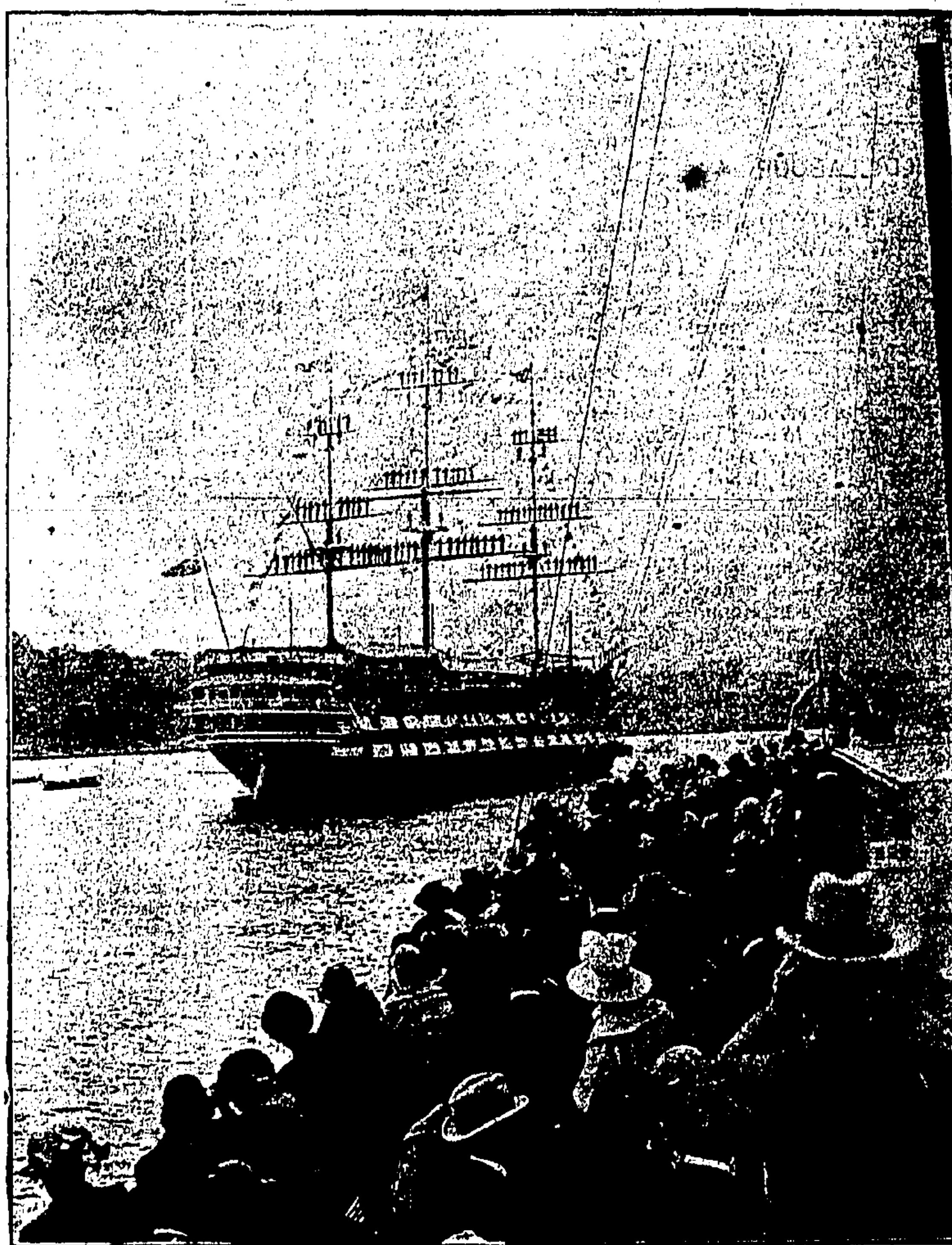


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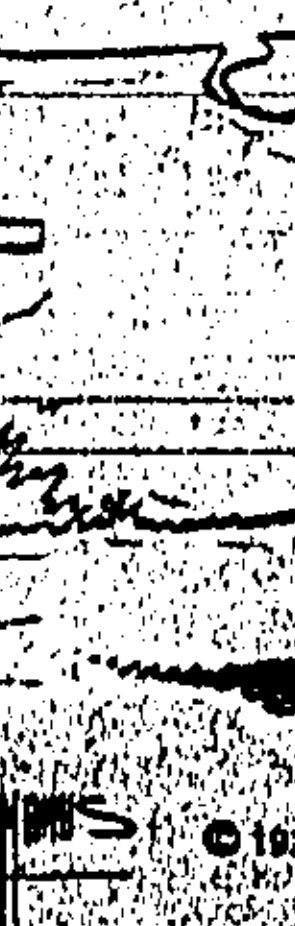
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Manila... Empress of Russia
Manila... Pres. McKinley
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.
Japan... Kamo Maru
Japan... Philoctetes
Straits and Suez... Calchas
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai... Pres. Pierce
JAPAN... ARATA
FRIDAY, OCTOBER
Australia and Manila... St. Albans

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19. To
Samshui and Wuchow... Kwong Ying... 4 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow... Hainan... 4 p.m.
Fort Bayard... Chong Ching... 5 p.m.
Hoibow Pakhoi and Haiphong... Taiwan Maru... 5 p.m.
Kongmoon... San Nam Hoi... 5.45 p.m.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.
Hoibow and Haiphong... Devanagere... 8.30 a.m.
Saigon... Kashing... 10 a.m.
JAPAN... U.S.A. America and EUROPE
via VICTORIA B.C.—due Victoria B.C.
18th Oct.
Shanghai... Achilles... 10 a.m.
Shanghai... Kanchow... 10 a.m.
Shanghai... Yenchow... 10 a.m.
Amoy and Manila... Yensan... 10 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa... Sumatra Maru... 12.20 a.m.
Weihaiwei... Huichow... 2.30 p.m.
Swatow and Bangkok... Yenchow... 5 p.m.
Hoibow and Haiphong... Ningbo... 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.
Hoibow and Bangkok... Chong Ching... 2.30 a.m.
Amoy, Shanghai and Japan... Hainan... 2 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa... Kamo Maru... 9 a.m.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.
Straits, Australia and New Zealand via Singapore. Registration 1.45 p.m.
Letters 2.30 p.m.
Swatow... Hainan... 2.30 p.m.
Amoy... Shanghai... 5 p.m.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.
Manila "Straits, Colombo and parcels only for Germany via Hamburg"
Swatow and Bangkok... Albert Vogler... 5.30 a.m.
Amoy... Kwangtung... 1 p.m.
Shanghai... Kanchow... 1 p.m.
Haiphong... 2 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.
Swatow... Kamo Maru... 11 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles 35th Oct. Registration 5.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.
Java via Batavia... Namsang... 1 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta... Chong Ching... 2.30 p.m.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. Central and South America & EUROPE via Vancouver—due Vancouver B.C. 18th Oct. Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.
Straits... Empress of Russia... 11.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and (Foochow) Haiphong... Noon.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.
Salon... "Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES"
Marseilles—20th Oct. Ship sails on Sunday, 27th Sept. at 4 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.
Java via Batavia... 11 a.m.
Manila, Cebu, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 1st Oct. 4.45 a.m. Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.
Letters 9.30 a.m.
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WEATHER REPORT.

September 19d. 11h. 30m.—Pressure has increased moderately over S.W. Japan and has decreased slightly or is nearly stationary at the majority of other reporting stations.

The Japanese depression has passed to the N.E. of Hokkaido. The anticyclone over China remains stationary.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m.; to-day, 0.33 inch. Total since January 1st, 87.40 inches, against an average of 72.47 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on September 20, 1924.

1.—Formosa Channel, N.E. winds, fresh.
2.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks, E. winds, fresh; fair.
3.—Hongkong to Gap Rock, E. winds, fresh; fair.
4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan, E. winds, fresh; fair.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HONGKONG.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1924.—a.m.

Station	Bar.	Therm.	Humid.	Wind	Clouds	Vis.
Hongkong	29.90	79.59	78	SE 1	100	10
Amoy	29.84	78.88	78	SE 1	100	10
Shanghai	29.84	78.88	78	SE 1	100	10
Swatow	29.84	78.88	78	SE 1	100	10
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